



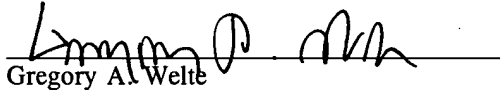
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Sir:

This Revised Amendment is submitted in response to the Communication mailed on January 13, 2004. This Revised Amendment includes an Appendix showing status of the claims. The Original Amendment Under Rule 116 was entered, and it amended claim 9 to read as follows.

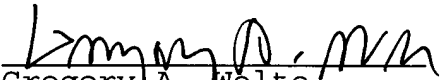
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9. A credit card verification device, comprising:
- a) means for instructing a person, who has never seen said device previously, how to successfully
 - (i) enter a credit card number into the device and
 - (ii) enter a monetary amount into the device;
 - b) means for transmitting said number and said amount, using a wireless modem, to a verification service; and
 - c) means for indicating to said customer whether said verification service accepts said amount.

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Claims 6 and 7 are allowed. Claims 4 and 12 - 18 are allowable if re-written, which will be done.

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Attached: APPENDIX SHOWING STATUS OF ALL CLAIMS

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APPENDIX SHOWING STATUS OF ALL CLAIMS

1. (Previously amended) A portable terminal, comprising:
 - a) a keypad containing between 10 and 15 keys;
 - b) a card reader;
 - c) a wireless modem for communicating with a local base station connected to a telephone line;
 - d) a display;
 - e) logic means for
 - i) accepting data from the card reader and the keypad; and
 - ii) transmitting said data to a base station, using said wireless modemand which comprises means for
 - iii) issuing messages on said display which instruct the user to
 - A) present a card to the card reader and
 - B) enter a monetary amount using the keypad; and
 - f) a printer for printing a paper receipt.
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2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Previously Amended) Terminal according to claim 1, and further comprising:

f) means for transmitting a code which identifies said terminal to said base station.

4. (Original) Terminal according to claim 2, and further comprising:

f) means for detecting when a remote verification service signals acceptance of said monetary amount as a charge against an account, and

g) means for illuminating a light which is visible for at least 20 feet, in response to said acceptance.

5. (Original) A system, located within a building, comprising:

a) multiple base stations, each linkable to a respective dedicated telephone channel;

b) multiple portable terminals, each comprising

i) modem means for wireless communication with a base station;

ii) a card reader;

iii) a keypad containing between about 10 and 15 keys;

- iv) a display;
- v) logic means, coupled to the modem means, card reader, keypad, and display, for
 - A) issuing a message on the display requesting a user to present a card to the card reader;
 - B) issuing a message on the display requesting the user to enter a monetary amount via the keypad; and
 - C) transmitting data read from the card and the monetary amount to a remote agency, via the modem means.

6. (Original) In a portable terminal which reads data from a credit card, transmits said data in a wireless manner to a remote station, and which contains a display, the improvement comprising:

- a) means for loading a monetary amount into the terminal, and displaying said monetary amount to a customer;
- b) means for preventing said customer for reducing said monetary amount; and
- c) means for responding to input from the customer, and, in response, transmitting said

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data and said monetary amount to the remote station.

7. (Original) Terminal according to claim 6, and further comprising:

d) means for allowing said customer to add a second monetary amount to said monetary amount.

8. (Previously Amended) A method of transmitting data to a system which maintains accounts of credit transaction, comprising the following steps:

- a) presenting a wireless terminal to a customer, which
 - i) issues a message requesting presentation of a credit card;
 - ii) reads card data from a credit card, when presented;
 - iii) issues a message requesting entry of a monetary amount;
 - iv) accepts said monetary amount from a keypad;
 - v) transmits said monetary amount and said card data to said system; and
 - vi) prints a receipt for the customer.

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9. (Currently Amended) A credit card verification device, comprising:

a) means for instructing a person, who has never seen said device previously, how to successfully

(i) enter a credit card number into the device and

(ii) enter a monetary amount into the device;

b) means for transmitting said number and said amount, ~~in a wireless manner~~ using a wireless modem, to a verification service; and

c) means for indicating to said customer whether said verification service accepts said amount.

10. (Cancelled.)

11. (Previously Added) Method according to claim 8, in which the data is carried by an ATM network during part of its travel to the system which maintains accounts of credit transactions.

12. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein

i) the portable terminal docks with the base station;

and

ii) the base station detects docking and, in response,

disables the wireless modem.

13. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein

- i) the portable terminal transmits a status code when not docked with the base station; and
- ii) the base station accepts data from the portable terminal, on the wireless modem, only when the status code is being received by the base station.

14. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein

- i) a transmitter is associated with the portable terminal, and transmits a status code independent of the wireless modem; and
- ii) a receiver is associated with the base station, and receives the status code from the transmitter, independent of the wireless modem.

15. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 14, wherein

- iii) the transmitter transmits the status code when the portable terminal is separated from the base station; and
- iv) the base station accepts signals from the wireless

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modem only when the receiver receives the status code.

16. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein

i) the two messages are alternately and continuously presented to the customer, until

A) a first predetermined event occurs, whereupon presentation of one message terminates; and

B) a second predetermined event occurs, whereupon presentation of the other message terminates.

17. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 16, wherein

iii) one predetermined event comprises entry of a monetary amount into the keypad, and

iv) the other predetermined event comprises swiping of a credit card through the card reader.

18. (Previously Added) A portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein no other messages requesting action by a user are presented, other than those of paragraph (e)(iii).